

## ***FY 2004 ONE-YEAR ACTION PLAN***

### **INTRODUCTION**

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The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) consolidated the planning and application process of four HUD funded grant programs in 1995. The purpose was to coordinate program requirements and simplify the process of requesting and obtaining federal funds. The City of Cambridge receives three such grants, including the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), the HOME Investment Partnership Program Grant (HOME), and Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG).

The City submitted its Five-Year Consolidated Plan in May 2000. The time frame of the plan is July 1, 2000 - June 30, 2005. It describes the City's plan to create a viable urban community which offers decent affordable housing, a suitable living environment and expanding economic opportunities especially for low and moderate income persons. The activities the City will undertake to achieve its stated objectives are detailed in this document. The consolidated planning process is intended to achieve the following:

- to promote citizen participation in the development of local priority needs benefiting low and moderate income persons;
- to develop a one-year action plan that will be the basis for assessment of performance; and
- to consult with public and private agencies on identifying needs and appropriate actions required to address the needs.

The purpose of the annual One-Year Action Plan is to update the Five-Year Consolidated Plan and to provide the City with a basis for assessment through the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Reports (CAPERs). The One-Year Action Plan describes the resources expected to be available in the coming program year from Federal, non-Federal and private sources. It includes a description of the activities that will be undertaken to meet the stated objectives in the Five-Year Consolidated Plan, including those designed to meet homelessness and other special needs. The Action Plan also describes actions to be undertaken to address obstacles in meeting the needs of the under-served, removing barriers, and enhancing coordination in the community.